South Carolina Public Service Commission Attention: Charles L. A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29211



Dear Sir,

I am filing the following written comments to you in accordance with Docket No. 2005-385-E - Order No. 2006-680 on the consideration of implementing the requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

My wife and I had purchased property in the Hilton Head area three years ago to build our retirement home. We enjoy the area very much and had looked forward to many years in retirement on the coast of South Carolina. We have given much time and energy into researching how to make our retirement home into one that uses minimal energy consumption and creates the least amount of negative environmental impact on our adopted home state. One of the intended ways to accomplish the desired energy reduction is by employing solar photovoltaic panels to produce electricity. After research on this subject in other states, we now come to realize that South Carolina is far behind many other states on encouraging carbon neutral energy use. One such example of this backward thinking is in the lack of a net metering option for the citizens of the State of South Carolina.

My wife and I are thus re-thinking the location of our retirement home to a state that is more progressive in its desire to help reduce energy dependence for its citizens and the nation. In our view, energy reduction is a matter of national strategic importance for the US and to ignore this fact is reckless.

We would like to see South Carolina become a leader in the area of energy conservation and encourage clean alternatives to energy that improve the desirability of living within its borders.

Sincerely,

Terry and Anita Hill July A. Still Bluffton, SC